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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1964

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Tenby,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report upon matters affecting the Public Health in the Borough during the year 1964.

Housing During 1964 further progress has been made to increase the housing accommodation, as reported by the Public Health Inspector, and this should go far to relieve the needs of the general public and the elderly.

Infectious Disease Two new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year but no other serious infectious diseases occurred.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. This Act came into force on the 1st May and this means a good deal of extra work for the Public Health Inspector, but this is all part of the work necessary to see that conditions are suitable for healthy living which is so vital a part of the work of a Public Health Inspector.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council and its officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation, and to include in this my thanks to my clerk for all her help.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

The Clinic,
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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....1964.....

.....4,470.....

	<u>Borough of</u> <u>Tenby 1964</u>	<u>Borough of</u> <u>Tenby 1963</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembrokeshire</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Live Births	76	77		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	17.0	17.07	18.41	18.4
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births	7.9	7.78		
Still Births	2	2		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	25.64	25.31	15.14	16.3
Total Live and Still Births	78	79		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)	2	1		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	26.31	12.98	22.20	20.0
- legitimate	28.57	14.08		
- illegitimate	nil	nil		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks)(per 1,000 Live Births)	26.31	12.98	19.36	13.8
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week)(per 1,000 Live Births)	26.31	12.98	17.65	
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week and Still Births combined)(per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	51.28	37.97	32.52	

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Maternal Deaths	nil	nil		
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	nil	1.12	0.25
Deaths	71	63		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	15.88	13.96	13.30	11.3

Infant Deaths

Two deaths of infants aged under 1 year occurred during the year and the cause of death in both cases was congenital malformations. One infant died at the age of 15 minutes and the other at 24 hours. The infant mortality rate this year is higher than the rate for the County and for the country as a whole.

Deaths (General)

The general death rate is again a little higher than the rate for the County and for the country as a whole. Heart disease accounted for 23 of the 71 deaths. Only one of the 12 deaths from malignant disease was due to cancer of the lung. Approximately 57.7% of the total number of deaths occurred in persons aged over 70 years, and approximately 29.5% in persons aged over 80 years.

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	35	36
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	1	1
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus	1	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	11
Coronary disease, angina,	7	3
Hypertension with heart disease	2	2
Other heart disease	3	6
Other circulatory disease	3	1
Pneumonia	2	-
Bronchitis	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	4
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	-	1

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TUBERCULOSIS

No deaths from tuberculosis occurred this year but three new cases were notified. Two were cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, a girl aged 15 and a man aged 48, and the third was a case of tuberculosis of the genito-urinary tract in a woman aged 61.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts and school leavers continues to be carried out in the Borough. Clinic sessions are held at the Clinic, Warren Street, for this purpose and the schools are also visited. During the year 1964, 104 school leavers (i.e. pupils aged thirteen years and over) were skin tested and 94 vaccinated, and 14 contacts were skin tested and 12 vaccinated. Dr. D. Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician, also vaccinates contacts at the Chest Clinic.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service again visited the town during December and carried out a survey amongst the general population. The attendance was higher than it has been for the past two years and the results are as follows:-

	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total No. examined	245	122	123
No. found to be abnormal	21 (8.57%)	10	11
No. requiring further observation	6 (2.45%)	5	1
Other abnormalities of the chest	15 (6.12%)	5	10

Summary of Abnormalities

	<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
No. found to be abnormal	under 15	-	-
(21)	15 - 24	-	1
	25 - 34	-	1
	35 - 44	2	1
	45 - 59	3	5
	over 60	5	3
		<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>

<u>Other abnormalities of the chest (15)</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Healed post-primary tuberculosis	1	-
Abnormality of bony thorax and soft tissues	-	3
Non-malignant neoplasm	-	1
Acquired cardiac abnormalities and abnormalities of the vascular system	3	2
Pneumoconiosis	1	-
Pulmonary fibrosis - non-tuberculous (including asthma, bronchitis)	-	4
TOTAL	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

2 Measles
2 Pulmonary Tuberculosis
1 Tuberculosis(other organs)

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Both vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus are carried out at the Clinic and by the general practitioners, who are paid by the County Council for records received each quarter by your Medical Officer. During the year 1964 the following records were received:-

Primary Vaccination	85	Re-vaccination	2
Diphtheria Immunisation	65	Re-inforcing injections	102
Whooping cough Immunisation	64	Tetanus Immunisation	60

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Council is responsible for the running of the Ambulance Service, and, in addition to the eight ambulances based at various points in the County, it also has an arrangement for the provision of cars for "sitting cases". The Tenby ambulances are operated on

a garage arrangement basis by Jeremy's Garages Limited and the British Red Cross Society is most helpful in providing voluntary attendants.

During the year 1964 Tenby Ambulance No.1 dealt with 3,154 patients, 424 of whom were stretcher cases and 2,730 sitting cases. The total number of miles travelled by this vehicle was 29,324 - an average of 9.29 miles for each patient.

Ambulance No.2 dealt with 343 patients, 86 of whom were stretcher cases and 257 sitting cases. It travelled a total of 4,071 miles, an average of 11.87 miles per patient.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47:- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE
YEAR 1964

HOUSING

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts.) - 125

No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. - nil

No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. - 9

No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority. - 8

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

No. of houses made fit after formal notice under:-

(a) Public Health Act	- 2
(b) Section 9, Housing Act, 1957. (By Owner)	- nil

Housing Act, 1957. Section 18.

No. of undertakings accepted not to use premises for human habitation. - nil

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

The numbers of applications received for grant aid towards improvements were as follows:-

	<u>No. of applications</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Standard Grants	5	5
Discretionary Grants	7	7

All but one of these applications were in respect of owner-occupied properties.

The reconditioning of 8 houses in Jones Terrace continued during the year and a further two dwellings were re-occupied, bringing the total to 3. Work is in progress on a further two and these should be available by mid 1965.

New Houses

The demolition of the 50 Arcos type prefabricated bungalows was completed during the year and 44 two bedroom flats were erected and occupied. A further 4 flats and 23 one bedroom bungalows were commenced at the Heywood Court site and will be completed by the summer of 1965.

19 dwellings were erected by private enterprise during the year.

Houses provided under the Housing Acts.

The total number of houses and flats erected under the Housing Acts by the Council is 377.

These may be sub-divided as follows:-

<u>Location</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>4 Beds.</u>	<u>3 Beds.</u>	<u>2 Beds.</u>	<u>1 Bed</u>	<u>2 Bed Flats</u>
Newell Hill	56	-	44	-	-	12
Maudlins	36	-	36	-	-	-
The Glebe	89	-	89	-	-	-
Knowling Mead	106	1	68	9	4	24
Augustus Place	22	-	-	-	22	-
Churchill Close	24	-	-	-	-	24
Heywood Court	44	-	-	-	23	44
						4
Total	377	1	237	9	26	104

(x under construction)

Re-housing

60 families were re-housed by the Corporation during the year and 13 names were added to the register during the period.

At the end of 1964 the number of applicants on the Council's housing list was 42. A further 64 require Old People's Bungalows.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The usual collections of 5 times a week in the town and twice weekly in the surrounding housing estates were maintained during the year. However, to maintain the frequency of service a considerable amount of overtime had to be worked, and it is inevitable that on the completion of the private housing projects now planned

for the Narberth Road area it will be necessary to man two vehicles for the whole period of twelve months.

The disposal of refuse by controlled tipping continued on the Clickett's Lane site and over five acres have now been re-claimed.

RODENT CONTROL

One part-time operator is employed on this work, under my general direction. All complaints were speedily dealt with. The sewers received two treatments and the refuse disposal site five.

The following table shows the number of treatments carried out during the period under review:-

No. of treatments	-	(a)	Dwelling Houses	166
		(b)	Business premises	14
		(c)	L.A. Properties	12
				<u>192</u>

CAMPING SITES

The following caravan sites are operating in the Borough:-

i)	Kiln Park & Quarry Site	-	600	caravans
ii)	Saltern	-	58	"
iii)	Zion Gardens	-	28	"
iv)	Meadow Farm	-	10	"
v)	Windmills	-	10	"

90 visits were made to caravan sites during the season.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955. Section 16.

No. of premises registered to sell ice-cream	-	35
No. of premises registered to manufacture ice-cream	-	3

FOOD CONDEMNATION

Class of Food	Weight			
	Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Fresh Meat	4	2	11	8
Tinned Meat	3	2	22	2
Tinned Fish	-	-	10	-
Tinned Vegetables	1	1	20	8
Tinned Fruit	1	3	7	4
Miscellaneous Foods	-	1	13	8
	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14</u>

FOOD SAMPLING

The following is a list of samples taken by the Weights and Measures Department in the Borough during the year ended 31st December, 1964.

Chemical Analysis

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Number Taken</u>
Milk	61
Corned Beef	2

Bacteriological Analysis

During the year, 39 samples of milk were taken from schools, vendors and milk pasteurisation plant. 12 samples of "bottle rinsings" were also taken from the plant.

Following the typhoid outbreak in Aberdeen a general investigation was made of corned beef supplies in the Borough, and I wish to record my appreciation of the ready and willing cooperation I received from food suppliers in the inspection of stocks of corned beef.

During the year 42 inspections were made of food shops and food preparing premises.

TOILET FACILITIES

The new block of public conveniences in the Municipal Car Park was completed by direct labour and was opened for the 1964 season. A further block of conveniences was constructed on the South Beach and was completed in August. The Borough is now well provided with public toilet facilities.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The above Act came into force on the 1st May, 1964. The following list gives details of those premises registered by the end of the year.

No. of Premises registered during the year.

Offices	-	24
Retail Shops	-	64
Wholesale Shops	-	2
Catering Establishments	-	25

Analysis of Persons Employed

Offices	-	167
Retail Shops	-	359
Wholesale Shops	-	7
Catering Establishments	-	174
Canteens	-	1
		<u>708</u>
		708
Males	-	249
Females	-	459

FACTORIES ACTS, 1961

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspect-ions</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Prosec-cutions</u>
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	55	20	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	2	7	-	-
TOTAL	44	33	-	-

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HOUSING OFFICER.

